

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of CHRISTINA DANIELLE HOWARD
and BRANDON KEITH HOWARD, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

V

DENNIS NELSON,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

THELONIOUS WASHINGTON and CAROLE
ALISIA HOWARD,

Respondents.

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No. 233502

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 98-362815

Before: Gage, P.J., and Griffin and Buth*, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the trial court order terminating his parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(g), (h), and (j). We affirm. This case is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Furthermore, the evidence did not show that termination of respondent's parental rights was clearly not in the child's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000).

Respondent also argues that the trial court erred in bifurcating his trial and the trial of the minor child's mother. Counsel for respondent specifically stated on the record that she did not

object to bifurcation. Respondent may not harbor error as an appellate parachute by objecting to something on appeal that he or his counsel deemed proper at trial. *Dresselhouse v Chrysler Corp*, 177 Mich App 470, 477; 442 NW2d 705 (1989). In any event, because he has failed to show that he was prejudiced by plain error in this regard, reversal is not required on this basis. *People v Carines*, 460 Mich 750; 597 NW2d 130 (1999).

In sum, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the child.

Affirmed.

/s/ Hilda R. Gage
/s/ Richard Allen Griffin
/s/ George S. Buth